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AIR FREIGHT UP 11% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 23 — Air freight increased 11 percent in September, compared with the same month last year, and was up 11.9 percent for the first three quarters of 1986 for the 21 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight rose 12.4 percent in September. Mail volume registered a gain of six percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, was up 10.9 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. airlines in September rose 9.3 percent. Mail declined five percent. Total cargo increased 7.7 percent.

Domestic air freight for the first three quarters of the year increased 9.1 percent. Mail volume was up 1.5 percent, and total cargo rose 7.3 percent.

International air freight of U.S. airlines during the first nine months of 1986 rose 15.3 percent. Mail volume declined 0.7 percent. Total cargo increased 13.2 percent.

CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL FREIGHT	TOTAL CARGO
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL		
SEPTEMBER 1986	326,171	92,269	418,440	275,514	31,364	306,878	601,685	725,318
SEPTEMBER 1985	290,184	87,081	377,265	252,035	33,009	285,044	542,219	662,309
PERCENT CHANGE	12.4	6.0	10.9	9.3	(5.0)	7.7	11.0	9.5
9 MONTHS 1986	2,791,939	863,679	3,655,618	2,312,685	300,256	2,612,941	5,104,624	6,268,559
9 MONTHS 1985	2,557,911	850,499	3,408,410	2,005,173	302,412	2,307,585	4,563,084	5,715,995
PERCENT CHANGE	9.1	1.5	7.3	15.3	(0.7)	13.2	11.9	9.7

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.
Frontier included for Jan-Jul 1986/1985.